

Attachment B

Grasslands Reserve Program Colorado Monitoring Checklist - Easements

The purpose of monitoring is to ensure compliance with easement requirements, to evaluate management of grazing and wildlife resources, and to maintain good relations with the landowner(s). Monitoring is conducted annually, with an onsite visit at least once each three years. The Baseline Inventory, recorded at closing, should be used as a reference for any monitoring in addition to the current Conservation Plan. *Take photographic images from designated Photo Monitoring Points when doing onsite monitoring.*

Property Name: _____

Landowner Name(s): _____

Review Date: _____

Method: ☐ Onsite visit ☐ Offsite reconnaissance (aerial photos, slides, etc.)

Was the landowner notified in advance of the planned monitoring activity and invited to participate?

Yes No *If no, explain.*

Was landowner present during this review? Yes No

Has land ownership changed since the last monitoring? Yes No *If yes, explain.*

Is easement boundary clearly marked and identifiable? Yes No *If not, what actions are needed, if any? (Boundaries must be field checked at least once every three years.)*

Are easement conditions being met? Yes No *If no, explain below.*

Note: Refer to the "GRP Conservation Easement Deed Part III. Permitted, Prohibited, Restricted and Reserved Activities." If easement conditions are not being met (or may not), describe and document with photographs. A summary of prohibited activities is presented below for convenience. The Deed must be reviewed, however, to understand the full intent and meaning of these, as some are only conditionally prohibited.

Prohibited: Crop cultivation, "non-grassland land uses"; alteration of existing topography; dumping or storage of wastes (trash, refuse, waste, sewage, other debris); mining (exploration, development, extraction of soil, sand, gravel, minerals, oil, gas, other hydrocarbon substances)—unless approved by Grantee (i.e., the State Conservationist); construction of new buildings related to livestock management without Grantee permission; construction of any new buildings for non-agricultural uses; construction of new livestock watering facilities without Grantee permission; no paving of roads or other areas; no new road construction without Grantee permission; commercial timber harvesting without a plan; off-road vehicle courses for snowmobiles, ATVs, motorcycles, etc.; development; signs (with some exceptions);

introduction, cultivation, or use of exotic species; installation or relocation of new public or private utilities; have water rights been temporarily or permanently separated from the Property without Grantee approval?

Is the Conservation Plan being implemented/maintained? Yes No *If not, explain.*

If a particular wildlife species or habitat type was targeted for habitat improvement/protection in the Plan, describe the progress to-date.

Is a plan revision needed? Yes No *If yes, describe.*

Are noxious weeds being controlled per Federal and State law? Yes No *Explain.*

Have there been any changes in land use adjacent to the Easement area? Yes No
If yes, describe.

Does the landowner have any concerns or suggestions for improving conditions on the Easement? Yes
No *If yes, describe.*

Other remarks: _____

List all persons and their affiliations present for the monitoring:

Reviewer [Print name]: _____

Reviewer [*Signature*]: _____